

[Mr. R. M. Statham.]

(c) The annual maintenance of the school was being attended to. The strengthening of the foundation and the plastering of a portion of the walls have to be attended to.

(d) No.

(e) Yes.

Ayurveda Director.

365. *MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) when the last Ayurveda Director left the post; and

(b) why the post has been kept vacant all this time?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(a) 30th Kanni 1104 on leave preparatory to retirement.

(b) The post is kept in abeyance only for the present.

The Vempanni Chira.

366. *MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether any of the Tahsildars had reported to Government that the Vempanni *chira* is useful to the cultivation of nearly 30,000 *paras* of paddy lands in the adjoining area and

(b) whether any action has been taken by Government against any trespasser when Mr. Robinson was the Land Revenue Commissioner?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*):

(a) No.

(b) It is reported that encroachment cases were investigated and the trespassers evicted in 1104.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know from the member whether all the acres of paddy lands are useful in the *chira*?

PRESIDENT: It is decided that they are useful for irrigation work.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether there is any proposal to register this *chira* in the name of a private person?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): No.

Board of Examiners for 1109.

567. *MR. T. P. VELAYUDHN PILLI (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether one Mr. Zachariah employed in a Christian College outside Travancore was first appointed as a member of the Board of Examiners for this year

(b) whether any and, if so, what enquiry was made by the Director regarding Mr. Zachariah before the order of appointment was passed; and

(c) whether the departmental rules sanction such appointment from outside the State?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): When Mr. Zachariah was recommended as a member of the School Leaving Certificate Board, it was thought that he was continuing to be employed in a College in Travancore. As he left Travancore, his appointment sanctioned by Government was not communicated to him.

(b) and (c) In view of the answer to part (a), these questions do not arise.

Fee concession in schools.

368. ***T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) when the fee concession committee for the current school year met to decide the question in the Tiruvalla taluk;

(b) the date of payment of the last instalment of fees in the English and Vernacular Schools;

(c) whether they are aware that the delay in the decision by the committee frustrates the object of the fee concession and

(d) the action they propose to take for preventing the delay in the matter?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): (a) 22-5-1109 for English Schools and 24-5-1109 for Vernacular Schools.

(b) 24-5-1109 and 5-8-1109 for the English and Vernacular Schools respectively for the school year 1933-34.

(c) Owing to the reconstitution of the *ad hoc* committees consequent on the abolition of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly, some delay was inevitable. The delay does not frustrate the object of fee concessions entirely since excess recoveries from pupils are refunded after the awards are made.

(d) Headmasters and Headmistresses of schools have instructions to forward all applications for fee concessions to the Tahsildars concerned as early as possible after the schools re-open and in any case by the end of Karkatakam each year.

Cooks attached to hospitals.

369. ***MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether cooks attached to any of the Government hospitals have been transferred to distant places during the current year;

(b) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, the name, place and other particulars of such transfers;

(c) the reasons for such transfers; and

(d) whether these cooks are public servants according to the Service Regulations?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(a) Yes.

(b) 1. Cook Velayudhan Pillai from District Hospital, Nagercoil, to District Hospital, Nedumangad.

2. Cook A. Sankunni Nair from District Hospital, Nedumangad, to District Hospital, Tiruvalla.